

ANNUAL REPORT 2023 *SUMMARY*



The European Public Health Association (EUPHA) is the umbrella organisation for public health associations and institutes in Europe. Our mission is to facilitate and activate a strong voice of the public health network by enhancing visibility of the evidence and by strengthening the capacity of public health professionals. EUPHA contributes to the preservation and improvement of public health in the European region through capacity and knowledge building. We are committed to creating a more inclusive Europe, narrowing all health inequalities among Europeans, by promoting and disseminating strong evidence-based voices from the public health community and by strengthening the capacity of public health professionals to achieve sustainable change.

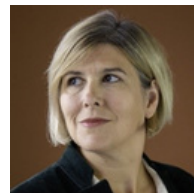
It is our pleasure to present this summary, in which we provide an overview of EUPHA's key activities in 2023. You can read the full report on our website. As always, we are extremely grateful with the continued support of so many willing and expert volunteers. A big thank you to our section presidents and vice presidents, to the EUPHANxt coordinators and to our members, for their strategic input.



Iveta Nagyova
EUPHA president 2020-2024



Marieke Verschuuren
*EUPHA executive director
(until 1 September 2023)*



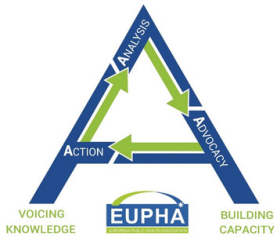
Charlotte Marchandise
*EUPHA executive director
(as of 1 October 2023)*



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EUPHA STRATEGY



Since 2020, we have been applying the 'Triple A strategy':
Advocating for public health, from a scientific **A**nalysis basis,
and by taking **A**ction.

8 goals have been defined to help us structure our work.

- 1 - Support our members in their work at the national, regional and local level
- 2 - Consolidate and expand the partnership
- 3 - Stimulate and facilitate mutual learning
- 4 - Actively stimulate the younger generation to be part of the EUPHA network
- 5 - Keep health a priority on the European and national agendas
- 6 - Strengthening public health research in Europe
- 7 - Deliver the right evidence at the right time
- 8 - Support implementation of the SDGs and all policies for a healthy Europe

2023 saw a change in the leadership of the EUPHA office with Marieke Verschuuren stepping down as Executive Director and Charlotte Marchandise joining as the next one.



Thrilled to embark on this new journey with EUPHA, advocating for this essential association, championing the perspective that health is a political choice necessitating equity-focused and intersectoral action based on cutting-edge evidence. I am looking forward to working with all its members and partners toward impactful initiatives in the times ahead.



MEMBERS

In 2023, EUPHA had **83 members from 47 countries**.



EUPHA members

- 45 national associations of public health
- 28 institutional members
- 8 individual members
- 2 global members

We were very pleased to **welcome 4 new members**:


- Portuguese Society of Public Health
- Health City Institute (Italy)
- Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care (IGS), University of Bergen (Norway)
- Institute of Public Health of Sabac (Serbia)

SECTIONS

In order for EUPHA to be able to provide the evidence in a wide array of topics, different **thematic networks** (the sections) were developed to work on specific public health topics. In 2023, EUPHA has a total of **26 operational sections and 2 initiatives**. The sections continue to have a large interest with number of section members rising for all sections.

These sections have been active all year long through **sending regular newsletters** and other updates, **organising events** during the EUPHW and the EPH Conference, and **writing statements**.

For example, sections were involved in the European Commission's Health Policy Platform Thematic Networks, organised skills-building webinars, provided input to public consultations and calls for evidence; the EUPHA-LAW section co-organised the Strategic litigation conference in Liverpool, UK and much more.

 *For a full overview of all the activities of our sections, please see our dedicated webpages for the EUPHA sections.*

EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK - 5TH EDITION

The EUPHW aims to connect those who contribute to better public health across the WHO European Region, to promote collaboration among the public health community, and to boost EUPHA's profile and visibility.



'Public health: Global issues, local actions'

22 - 26 May 2023

Daily themes and partners

Monday 22 May: Mental health for all

Daily partner: WHO Regional Office for Europe, supported by Mental Health Europe and European Commission DG SANTE

Tuesday 23 May: Diversity in health

Daily partner: EUPHA and supported by AGE Platform Europe, the European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless and the European Institute of Women's Health

Wednesday 24 May: Access to care

Daily partner: The European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Thursday 25 May: Prevention and control of chronic diseases


Daily partner: The Association of European Cancer Leagues

Friday 26 May: Global health emergencies and response

Daily Partner: The World Federation of Public Health Associations



224 events and activities in 21 languages across 39 countries

 [Find the EUPHW key messages here.](#)

EPH CONFERENCE - 16TH EDITION

EPH Conference is a foundation at the initiative of EUPHA, in charge on the organization of the conference each year.

EUPHA provides a significant contribution to the scientific programme of the yearly EPH conferences. We do this together with a large number of european and international organisations and non-state actors.



'Our Food, Our Health, Our Earth: A Sustainable Future for Humanity'

8 - 11 November 2023, in Dublin

Co-chairs: Anthony Staines and Regien Biesma-Blanco

Together with our sections and partners, EUPHA organised 109 sessions at the 16th European Public Health conference in Dublin, thereby encouraging continuous learning for public health professionals.



EUPHA activities at the EPH Conference

- 13 pre-conferences
- 1 plenary
- 51 workshops
- 6 skills building seminars
- 31 join the network meetings

This year again, the EPH conference welcomed an impressive number of delegates with over 2,200 people attending the different sessions. The conference also received a record number of 2,550 abstracts.



 [Find the full statement of the conference here.](#)

 [Here is a link to the summary webpage of the EPH Conference.](#)

EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The EJPH is an open access multidisciplinary journal that is published bimonthly. Among disciplines covered are social medicine and community health, epidemiology, health services research, health policy, ethics and law, health economics, social sciences, environmental and occupational health.

The journal provides a forum for public health science and policy with a focus on the European region. Contributions on relevant global health issues are also welcome.



EJPH in figures

- 4 issues
- 109 original manuscripts
- 8 editorials
- 3 viewpoints
- 1 commentary
- 1 obituary

In 2023 the journal moved to a virtual editorial office, after years of support from the editorial team based at Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden; and we thank them for their efforts and work.



[Visit the website of the Journal here.](#)

EUPHANxt



EUPHANxt is a network for students and early career researchers, policymakers and professionals in the field of public health. In 2023, 4,037 subscribers were active in the network.

EUPHANxt is active in all EUPHA activities, such as the EPH Conference and the European Public Health Week, but it also builds its own partnerships. In line with our commitment to involve the youth in a structural way, EUPHANxt is represented at our Executive Council.

EPH Conference Fellowship Programme

6 students and young professionals are given the opportunity to participate at the conference by working alongside the EUPHANxt and the EPH conference teams. They have mentoring sessions with public health experts, disseminate information about specific chosen topics through various communication platforms.

Mentoring programme

This programme was developed in 2022 and launched in 2023. It aims to link students and young professionals to mentors that are public health professionals. It is an opportunity for experts to share career advice and research-related activities, and for mentees to get to know the European Public Health field and its stakeholders.

This year, the programme listed 140 mentees and 36 mentors.

ADVOCACY

In 2023, the members of our Executive Council, the presidents of the sections, and the office staff have stepped up and have been representing EUPHA to make it even more visible at European level. Below are some highlights of our advocacy work in 2023. For a full overview of all published advocacy, please see this [webpage](#).

Statements

EUPHA (co-)authored or endorsed 11 statements in 2023.

Highlighted statements

- [EUPHA response to call of evidence on a comprehensive approach to mental health](#)
- [One year of war in Ukraine: we cannot allow 'war fatigue' to kick in](#)
- [EUPHA statement on priorities for the EU4Health Annual Work Programme 2024](#)
- [Health should be included in impact assessment EU climate target](#)

Representation in EU meetings and group

The visibility of EUPHA as a solid partner with a research background has been strengthened. We continue to build the capacity and knowledge of policy-oriented organisations and have an official seat in about 30 stakeholder and advisory groups.

Highlighted advisory functions

- WHO European Regional Committee meeting, as accredited non-state actor
- WHO Technical Advisory Group on Behavioural Insights and Sciences for Health (EUPHA president Iveta Nagyova)
- WHO Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Applied Epidemiology Targets (EUPHA-HWR, Ellen Kuhlmann)
- WHO EUR Regional Director's Advisory Council on Innovation for Noncommunicable Diseases (EUPHA president Iveta Nagyova)
- European Commission's Expert panel on effective ways of investing in health (Martin McKee, past-President)
- Advisory forum to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), (Aura Timen – EUPHA-IDC)
- HERA Advisory Board (EUPHA-IDC, Ricardo Mexia)

Rapid Response Team


This team of public health experts (mostly section representatives) can be contacted by media or policymakers who quickly want an evidence-based answer on a specific topic.

This year, the members of the Rapid Response Team were offered a media training on the do's and don'ts of engaging with and presenting to media, with kind contributions from lecturers from the Escola Superior de Comunicação Social in Lisbon.

EUPHA ONLINE

Website


The EUPHA website continues to be an excellent visibility tool for EUPHA. The average number (January-September) of hits increased to 375,067 per month.

 [Visit our website here.](#)

Newsletter

With 32,603 subscribers from 175 countries worldwide, our monthly newsletter continues to be one of the most visible and highly appreciated tools of EUPHA. It aims build the knowledge of public health professionals worldwide and to increase the visibility of EUPHA. In this newsletter, one can expect to find EUPHA and members updates, an overview of the European Journal of Public Health, Eurosurveillance, interesting publications, upcoming events, and professional opportunities.


This year, we have been more active in sharing the newsletter on our social media and encouraging more people to subscribe.

 [If you are interested in public health, you can subscribe to our newsletter here.](#)

Social media



EUPHA X account is the main social media tool for advocacy and dissemination. During the European Public Health Week and the Conference, Twitter/X has been used intensely (#EUPHW2023 and #EUPHAatEPH2023).

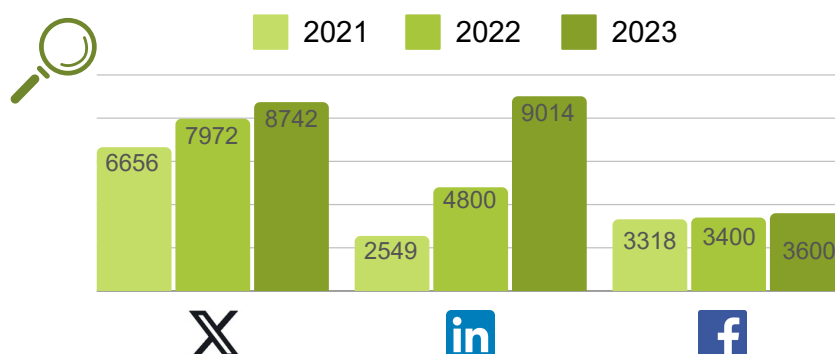
Section activity on X has been steadily growing over the years. In 2023, 18 sections were running an X account. All sections can be found on this  [X list.](#)



In 2023, we increased our posting on LinkedIn as we see that many of our stakeholders are active here. This increased visibility came along with a steep increase in our followers reaching 9,014 in 2023.



High-level announcements are distributed via Facebook, too, and the number of followers has increased since 2021 to reach 3,600 followers in 2023.




OUTLOOK 2024

The new EUPHA strategy will have a totally different starting point, with major challenges that the world has faced in the past years, which were disruptive to public health and our societies at large.

We will continue being the go-to organisation for science advice on public health matters. In parallel, we will strengthen our voice for public health by being storytellers, cheerleaders, and champions, to guide the way to improving the health of populations. More than ever, the need for strong communicators is visible.

We are looking forward to yet another exciting year full of EUPHA activities. All this would not be possible without our members, sections, young generation, partners and the EUPHA office team, and the leadership of the Executive Council. We thank everybody for their contributions to EUPHA and hope that we may also count on you in the coming year and beyond.

 [You can read our full report for 2023 here.](#)

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